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FOR A/SY/FO

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SUBJECT: PAO CONFERENCE TUNIS

REF: A) TUNIS 4940 B) STATE 203221

1. CONFERENCE SITE SURVEY IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FORMALIZED. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE WRITTEN SURVEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY SY/FO PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE SESSION.

2. SIX ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDERS REQUESTED REFTEL (A) CAN BE ADJUSTED TO TWO MSGS IF CONFERENCE SITE LEFT UNATTENDED WHEN NOT IN USE AND ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIALS ARE RETURNED TO SAFE STORAGE EACH DAY. ACCORDING TO PAO, TOPICS AND MATERIALS FOR DISCUSSION WILL CONTAIN CLASSIFIED INFORMATION UP TO AND INCLUDING SECRET SUCH AS USIS COUNTRY PLANS. IF THIS LEVEL OF SECURITY IS ACCEPTABLE TO SY, RSO HAS NO OBJECTIONS.

3. REQUEST FOR 6 ADDITIONAL TAD MSGS REFTEL (A) WAS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT 24-HR COVERAGE OF CONFERENCE SITE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF SECURITY FOR CONFERENCE INVOLVING THIS LEVEL OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

4. CONFERENCE SITE AND FLOORS BELOW ARE ACCESSIBLE BY TWO SEPARATE ROUTES, ELEVATORS AND FIRE STAIRS.

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PROXIMITY IS SUCH THAT COVERAGE OF BOTH ACCESS POINTS

FROM ANY ONE CENTRAL POINT IS IMPOSSIBLE. THIS
NECESSITATES, IF 24 HR COVERAGE IS REQUIRED, THREE 8-HR
SHIFTS OF 2 MSGS IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE FOR A TOTAL OF
6 PERSONNEL. IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE HOTEL
MANAGEMENT THAT MARINE WATCHSTANDER SECURE EACH OF
THESE POINTS DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE CONFERENCE
ALLOWING ONLY ESCORTED ACCESS BY AUTHORIZED
HOTEL PERSONNEL TO THE 19TH FLOOR WHICH IS OCCUPIED
BY MAINTENANCE AND AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT.
FLOORS 16, 17 AND 18 WILL BE ENTIRELY OCCUPIED AS PER
PARAGRAPH 2 REFTTEL (A).

5. IN THIS MANNER ENTIRE CONFERENCE SITE CAN BE
ISOLATED DURING CONFERENCE WHICH WILL DIMINISH POSSIBILITY
OF COMPROMISE TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

6. MSG DETACHMENT WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ESCORT OF CLASSIFIED CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS TO AND FROM
EMBASSY EACH DAY OF CONFERENCE.

7. WITH REGARD TO REFTTEL (B), PARAGRAPH 3, REQUEST FOR
ESTIMATE OF COST FOR LOCAL POLICE ASSISTANCE FOR THIS
CONFERENCE, RSO DOES NOT FEEL THAT LOCAL POLICE COULD
SUBSTITUTE FOR OR COULD ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT
FOR TAD WATCHSTANDERS.

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